## City of Norfolk

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, public education is a pillar of our democracy and the cornerstone of American opportunity, providing young people with the necessary tools to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

**WHEREAS**, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, education gives them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critical to provide every child with a great education and raise awareness about important education issues within our community; and

**WHEREAS**, educators work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Education Association of Norfolk will be joining millions of Americans nationwide in celebrating public schools during the Norfolk Education Association's 93<sup>rd</sup> annual American Education Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL D. FRAIM, Mayor of the City of Norfolk, do hereby proclaim the week of November 16–22, 2014 as

## AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

in the City of Norfolk and call upon all citizens to join me in celebrating education by reaffirming our commitment to educating our next generation, and honoring all who strive to help our young people realize their full potential.

Given under my hand this 20th day of November 2014.

PAUL D. FRAIM, MAYOR